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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...of that or not, but it's over \$200 million. And, you know, this very well could be a way to address that budget concern, and I think that would be a decision for the body. But I am troubled by the process problems that it presents in that this particular...this particular amendment of yours has not had a hearing. But I do think it merits some discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Members of the Legislature, I am as serious as a heart attack about this amendment. However, because Senator Byars...well, that's as much as I'm going to say at this point. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (FA1456, Legislative Journal page 571.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 841.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what my amendment would do, for the record, is go to page 2 of the green copy of LB 841 and, in line 6, strike and show as stricken the following words, "any organization created exclusively for religious purposes." That language would be stricken. That would mean that any of these religious operations that sell, lease, rent, store, use, or otherwise consume in this state purchases, they would have to pay the sales and use tax on the gross receipts from these activities. Now, I need to ask Senator Bourne another question. Senator Bourne, are you on the Revenue Committee?

SENATOR BOURNE: I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I thought so.